

HOUSE BILL 1221

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the operation and governance of public and private postsecondary education in Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section.

§ 49-7-20___. The commission shall not increase fees in excess of the rate of inflation for the prior year. Furthermore, the commission shall study annually the fees assessed for similar regulatory activities in contiguous states and shall report annually its budget and fee structure, related to the regulation of proprietary schools, including an analysis and justification for any fees which substantially exceed the average fees assessed for similar regulatory activities in contiguous states, to the general assembly. A fee substantially exceeds the average fee for similar regulatory activities in contiguous states if it is more than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of such average fee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.